Harvard won from Yale at chess and President Eliot talks of abolis ing all other sports at Cambridge.

A Binghampton preacher thinks he han saived the riddle of the sphinx. All right, then, how old was Ann? Queen Alexandra, who was born in

1844, is not only a good but a brave queen. She still celebrates her birth-According to Walter Wellman th only way to reach the pole is by bal-

loon. Either that or by way of the This is the time of year when the rabbit doesn't know whether the mor-

row's ann will rise upon him as Buany Unfortunately science produces no evidence tending to show whether

Niagara Falls was put on earth for ess or pleasure. Sir Thomas Lipton makes a hand-

some defense of American hotels. But Sir Thomas was a favored guest when he stopped in them. By putting up the earth as a stake

for one to win and having the millions of men compete, opportunity would still be equal, if not reasonable.

The Harvard professor of international law who becomes Grand Vizier to the ruler of Slam will develop into a literal power behind the throne. In attempting to shoot a man the

other day a New York woman wounded two innocent bystanders-at least, they claimed that they were innocen In these days of piping prosperity

even a poor man lives high, unless he has been quoted a line of produce prices not accessible to the general

The horse enjoys a certain ad vantage in the fact that the automobile accident is more spectacular and therefore more talked about than the ordinary runaway.

A Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband prefers listening to a phonograph rather than her conversation. Her conversation must be something fierce, remarks the Washington Herald. The Fort Edwards, N. Y., man who

advertises for a wife who shall weigh 200 pounds or better, and be no soclety butterfly, evidently intends that there shall be no mistaking the mean ing of his specifications. A magazine asks: "What imple

ment can equal the hairpin in the deft hands of a woman." That's easy. A note, written in a delicate feminine hand, found in her husband's vest pocket, will beat it every time. A Baltimore newspaper announces

that a prize performing flea which es caped from one of the theaters of the city had been captured. Thereby have been removed the apprehensions of those who witnessed its last ex

The shah of Persia has just be stowed upon an American piano manufacturer the brilliant decoration of the Order of the Lion and the Sun Some time ago the sultan of Turkey gave the same gentleman a decoration of similar character. There seems to be no doubt of the power of American piano music to soothe the Mohamme dan breast.

vailing in many agricultural districts, writes Consul-General B. H. Ridgely, of Barcelona, the purchasing power of the Spanish peasants has been greatly curtailed. In former years a large trade was done throughout Spain in bleached linen and linen yarns. household, however humble, but owned its set of linen sheets, which formed part of the dowry of every peasant girl on her wedding day. On count of the greater cost of linen, which has placed it among the list of luxuries, this once important branch of trade had dwindled down to an in-Public opinion in England has killed

the soap combination, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Notwithstanding the workings of the "irresistible economic law of combination" the protests of the trade and of the public have been so positive and so emphatic that the power of \$60,000,000 capital was impotent to stand up against them. The refueal of the retailers to sell and of the public to buy a product, however meritorious, which bore the "trust taint" was too much for the promoters, and they have announced that they have found their plan of ic combination "unworkable" and that it has been terminated.

The census bureau has just pub-lished figures showing how rich the was two years ago, but, remarks the Washington Time of us have spent what we had then.

After that young woman in Fond du Lac collects the \$15,000 judgment she secured in her breach of pron suit she will experience no difficulty in getting a husband.

Europe is crowing over its crop of sugar beets. It declines, however, to give out the statistics of its dead-

Now that New York has declared against reform spelling in the schools, the present generation will have no difficulty in interpreting the written speech of the coming one.

The Chinese are showing an increased fondness for cigarettes. Some hope, now, that they will be broken of the opium habit. They cannot long

History is repeating itself. Louisiana merchants are importing 3,000 Spanish farmers into the land once a province of the Done

German merchants are kicking be cause the kalser's automobile is permitted to stop all road traffic. Streng ous William is likely to hear some thing of the simple life if he keeps it

South American scientists now claim that the mosquito carries lep rosy. The mosquito seems to have lost what few friends he ever had.

If this country gets into a squabble over the Japanese there will be a chuckle from Russia that may be easily heard around the world.

WHEN OUR COURTS ARE NOT RE SPECTED, OR WE CANNOT

ROCKEFELLER'S VIEWS

Declares the American People Too Prodigal of Their Money, Sending Too Much Gold Abroad.

New York-Replying to the inquiry whether he would be prepared to go to court should his presence be desired in connection with the government suit against the Standard Off Co., John D. Rockefeller said:

"It will be a sorry day for the cour try and all of us when our courts as not respected, or we cannot respect We must have law and order, and we must have courts to enforce them.

"What else can I do but go to court when summoned?"

Mr. Rockefeller added that he did not know the status of any of the pending prosecutions.

Too Prodigal of Our Money. Discussing the prosperity of the country, Mr. Rockefeller said:

"We are going entirely too fast. We are too prodigal of our money. We don't keep our money at home. We are sending too much of our gold abroad. We are buying foreign novel ties and letting our gold go to Eu rope. We are spending too much money. The money ought to be kept here in the United States, for just as surely as we send too much of our gold to the other side, just so surely will we have to pay the penalty

"The people of the United States are too prodigal of what they now have. They are not taking advantage of a prosperity such as has never been excelled in this country. We are not saving up for the rainy day, for the time of our need."

FOUND FOR CATHOLIC CHURCH. Porto Rico Supreme Court Decides Case of Church vs. People.

San Juan, P. R.-The supreme court of Porto Rico has rendered a decision favorable to the Catholic church in the case of the Church va. the People, as to the ownership of certain properties. The court finds that properties valued at half a million dollars belong to the church, and accrued rents and incomes since 1898, when the United States took the inland from Spain, and amounting to \$100,000, are declared to be due plaintiff. Of the five members of the supreme court, three favored the decision for the church. The American judges voted in favor of the government. The case will be appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES Madrid Publishes Text of New Treaty of Commerce,

Madrid-The official Gazette has published the correspondence between bert Mason Winthrop, secretary of the American legation at Madrid, and Perez Caballero, minister of foreign affairs, giving the interpretation of the Spanish-American treaty of comperce executed Aug. 1. In this correcondence it is stipulated that there shall be recipiocity between the two countries, that American goods coming into Spain shall be taxed at the mir imum rate, and that American import shall at once be granted every reduction accorded any other nation, with the exception of Portugal.

SHOT AT FORT RENO.

Capt. Macklin Called from His Far ily and Severely Wounded.

El Reno, L. T.-Capt. Edgar Macklin, of Co. C. Twenty-fifth infantry, was shot twice and dangerously ounded at night by a negro, and belief is expressed here that it was one of the members of the troop discharged by President Roosevelt for participation in the Brownsville riots The captain was at dinner with his family, answered a caller and was shot

A Bungled Hanging.

Houston, Mo.—The execution here of Joda Hamilton, the 20-year-old farmer boy, for the murder of ave members of the family of Barney Par sons, a farmer, was a horrible affair. Two attempts were necessary before the hanging proved successful. The first rope broke. At the first attempt Hamilton shot through the trap with a jerk, and the spectators were horr fied to see the rope part. Hamilton dropped to the ground. Partially conscious, he was picked up and carried a second time to the scaffold.

To Look at the Big Ditch. New York—Ten congressmen and one senator sailed on the steamship Alliance for Colon, for the purpose of making a five-day inspection of the sthmus of Fanania. The party consisted of Senator Flint and Congressmen McKinley and Knowland, of California; Congressman Fulkerson, of Missouri; Dickson, Rives, McKinney and Smith, of Illinois; Howell, of Utah, Kinkaid, of Nebraska, and Steenerson, of Minnesota. A. C. McKinley, son of Congressman McKinley, went with the party as secretary.

Japan's Heavy Hand in Formosa. Victoria, B. C .- Advices have been received by steamer Tremont, which has arrived from the orient, that Japanese are repressing Formosa insurgents with a heavy hand. A long blockading line has been formed similar to Kitchener's blockhouse idea in South Africa, and the insurgent villages are being taken one by one. At the Lathyo village the Japanese spared few, and, warning by the fate of that village, other villages have sur-rendered. The Japanese hope to have the island soon pacified.

Bribery Made Extraditable. Washington-Secretary Root and Sir Mortimer Durand signed a supplementary article to the existed extradi-tion treaty between the United States and Great Britain, including bribery in the list of extraditable crimes.

Will Go Around the World. San Diego, Cal.-The brig Galilee, which is making a magnetic survey of the globe for the Carnegie institute. has left on her fourth trip around the world. The voyage will consume nine or ten months.

DAY ARE WORTH MANY BILLIONS THE

CROPS GROWN BY OUR FARMERS

Jp to December 1 There Had Been 10,024,588 Bales of Cetton Ginned. Washington—The final estimates of

the crop reporting board of the bu-reau of statistics of the department of agriculture (in which preliminary esti-mates made earlier in the year are revised and corrected) indicate acreage, production and value in 1966 of the farm crops of the United States

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shown by the bureau to be 56.8 ounds for spring wheat, 59.3 pounds for winter wheat and 32.0 pounds for

Cotton Finned to Dec. 13, 1906. Washington-The cotton report lows: Number of ginneries reporte in operation this season prior to Dec. 13 was 28,322. The number of bales ginned by states was as follows: Alabama, 1,133,587; Arkansas, 670,

423; Florida, 59,575; Georgia, 1,513,-416; Indian territory, 323,849; Ken-410; Indian territory, 323,849; Ken-tucky, 1,204; Louisiana, 763,999; Mis-sissippi, 1,187,714; Missouri, 34,016; North Carolina, 546,645; Oklahoma, 313,848; South Carolina, 837,793; Ten-nessee, 219,971; Texas, 3,481,502; Vir-

The sea island cotton for 1906, dis tributed by states, is: Fiorida, 21,880 bales; Georgia, 20,794: South Carolina, 6,656. The last report showed 10,027,868 bales ginned to Dec. 1, 1906.

STICKNEY MAKES ESTIMATES. Says It Takes Shippers Nine Days to

Unload a Car Washington-President A. B. Stick-

ney of the Chicago Great Western has submitted some interesting facts to the interstate commerce commis sion. In arriving at his conclusions Mr. Stickney bases his estimates on the entire freight car capacity of the

The average distance each loaded freight car is hauled is 250 miles, The average time consumed by the railways in hauling is one day, 24

The average time consumed by ship pers and consignees in loading and unloading each car is nine days, 216

"As long as shippers consume nine days in loading and unloading each car," says Mr. Stickney, "transportation will be delayed." The Post Office Department,

Washington-A reduction of more than \$4,000,000, or 27.83 per cent, in the deficit of the post office department is shown in the annual report of Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general. The postal revenue for the fiscal year of 1906 shows an increase of more than \$15,0000,000 over 1905, the greatest increase in one year in the history of the service. Receipts from all sources were \$167, 932,732 and expenditures \$178,449,778. The gross deficit, including losses by burgiary and fires and through uncol lected debts, amounted to \$10,542,941. Mr. Madden still adheres to his recommendation for an increase on mail matter of the second class. He also recommends that ordinary postal stamps be used for special delivery.

Miner's Pipe Blows Up Mine. Pittsburg, Kas.-In an explosion in Mine No. 1 of the Fidelty Coal Co., at Stone City, two miners were killed and 15 others badly burned. Five kegs of powder taken into the mine by a party of 17 men exploded at the oottom of the mine as the men were leaving the cage. It is supposed a spark dropped from a pipe one of the men was smoking into one of the open kegs of powder. The mine at the bottom was badly wrecked, but the damage has not been estimated

Mount Vesuvius Gaved in. Naples-Another portion of the crater of Mount Vesuvius fell in and caused a great eruption of ashes, cinders and sand. It was not preceded or accompanied, however, by either detonations or earth shocks. For 20 minutes a rather heavy rain of ashes fell over Naples and another portion of the crater on the side toward Pompell fell in. The rain of ashes creat ed considerable alarm in the more populous quarters of the city. Women began praying to the Madonna and the

Cattlemen Have Troubles. Kansas City, Mo.—Before the interstate commerce commission investigating the car shortage, H. S. Boice, who owns a ranch at Channing, Tex., said he attempted to make a shipment from Texas on Sept. 20 of !25 cars of cattle. He could not get cars until Oct. 13, and then only in limited number. The rest of the cattle were not shipped until Dec. 11. H. C. Jett, of Fort Davis, Tex., said he had been since Oct. 17 trying to ship 5,000 cattie, and had just received seven

Bad Mine Fire in Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah-A fire which will diminish the output of the Union Pacific coal mines at Cumberland, Wyo., by 1,400 tons a day for the next 39 days, occurred in the No. 2 shaft. Fire started on the ninth level from an unknown cause while the 250 men were at work in the mine. Through he skillful management of those in charge, the force was taken out in a very few minutes. The most serious eature of the situation is the curtailment of the fuel output at the present

HARVESTER

FEBRUARY I MAY SEE FINANCIAL

At Least \$100,000,000 of the \$120,000, LOO Stock Favors a

pont Morgan, and agreed to by holders of at least \$100,000,000 out of \$120,-00,000 of the capital stock of the International Harvester Co., fall through, Feb. 1, 1967, should see the complete financial reorganization of the great farm implement trust.

Tentative contracts, which have been signed for the conversion of \$120,000,000 of capital stock of one class into a like amount of new stock, divided into \$80,000,000 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and \$60. 000,000 common stock; the retirement of several interests from active busicoss management, and a general change in the staff of officials. The expectation is that the new securities will be listed on the New York Stock exchange, which, if the plans are carried through, will give the stockhold-ers a broad market for their securities, and enable them to retire if they desire to do so.

PEOPLE ARE PHEEZING

Railways Urged to Make Effort to lieve Suffering in North.

Washington-In view of the com plaints of car shortage resulting, it is said, in the failure to transport the ries of life and coal for house hold use, the interstate commerce commission has sent the following tele rams to the presidents of a number western and northwestern railroads; "From many parts of the country, and particularly from your section, the interstate commerce commission is receiving numerous and importunate complaints of car shortage and failure to transport the necessaries of life. In various places in the northwest it is represented that people are actually freezing because sufficient coal for old use cannot be procured ow ing to extraordinary delays in mov-ing that article. The commission therefore urges you to make every possible effort to meet at once the need and relieve the suffering of those dependent upon the facilities of your

"Martin A. Knapp, Chairman." The telegram was sent to the presi ents of the following named roads: Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

MASTER OF SEVENTY TONGUES. of Jeremiah Curtin, Greatest Linguist in the World.

Bristol, Vt.-Jeremiah Curtin, a distinguished linguist and philologist, and well known also as a translator of Rus sian and Polish novels, died here of Bright's disease. Mr. Curtin was 66 years old. He was proficient in 70 languages, excelling as a linguist, it is said, any other man. After his graduation from Harvard in 1863, he bet of St. Louis. came secretary of the United States legation in Russia, and later acting consul there. For many years he was actively engaged in special work for the Smithsonian Institution, visiting many countries, and studying the language and folklore of the people. As an author he was best known as the translator from the Polish of the works of Henryk Sienkiewicz.

FIVE YEARS FOR MRS. BIRDSONG. Slayer of Dr. Thomas Butler Out on

\$10,000 Bail.

Hazelhurst, Miss,-Mrs. Angle Birdsong was denied a new trial by Judge She was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, and notice of appeal was given to the Mississippi upreme court.

When notice of appeal was made Mrs. Birdsong was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000, which was furnished. Mrs. Bridsong shot and killed Dr. Thomas Butler, at Monticello, Miss., Nov. 25, 1905, and at the trial, concluded several days ago, was convicted of manslaughter. Since that time she has been seriously ill. Because of her young child and her illness, Mrs. Birdsong was never sent to jail.

Orders a Court-Martial Trial. Washington-On the recommenda-tion of the general staff, the secretary of war has ordered the trial by courtmartial of Maj. Charles W. Penrose and Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, of Co. C, First battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry, under the sixty-second article of war, for "conduct to the prejudic of good order and discipline" in failing in their duty in preventing and suppressing the riot at Brownsville, Tex., last August. The specifications will charge that the two officers named failed to exercise due diligence.

Wireless Telephony Solved. Berlin-The German Society of Wire less Telephonic has succeeded in holding wireless communication between Berlin and Nauen, 24 miles away, Prof. Elaby, in an interview, described the experiment as eminently successful, Prof. Slaby says the problem of wireless telephony is solved, but that the limit of distance is not yet known. He sees no reason to set any limit, and believes that the time is coming when a man will be able to speak wire lessly with a friend in any part of the

Survivor of Samoan Hurricane Dead Washington-Commander R. M. C. Brown, U. S. N., retired, a survivor of the Samoan hurricane, which de stroyed the American fleet in 1888, died in this city. He was a brother-in law of Senator Elkins of West Virginia Mexico's Ambassador.

City of Mexico-It has been officially announced by the Mexican overnment that Enrique Creel, governor of the state of Chihuahus, has been ap pointed Mexican ambassador to the United States. Col. John Mercer Brook. Lexington, Va.—Col. John Mercer Brook, aged 80, emeritus professor of

physics in Virginia military institute, died suddenly. He was widely known as the inventor of deep sea sounding Japa Boycott the American Flag. Seattle, Wash.-Japanese who merchants are sending their own vessels to Pacific coast ports for shipments of flour and wheat rather than

State Happenings.

A Prehistoric Find.
Carthage—In sinking a shaft on the
Teel land, near Prosperity, in this
county, for a sinc mine, a deposit of Chicago The Post says: Unless a depth of 80 feet, and special pains lans, which are sanctioned by J. Pier will be taken to remove them intact to make it certain that an important find has been made for that line of study. W J McGee, of the World's Fair archaeological department at St. Louis, is to investigate the discovery, as is also the Smithsonian Insti-tution at Washington, to which the as soon as removed from the ground Those already taken out indicate that the prehistoric man was a giant compared to the largest men of the pres

> Made Many Recommendations. Columbia-The state board of agri culture held its forty-second annual neeting here. It adopted a resolution recommending many appropria-tions for college of agriculture. The board is by law an examining board for the college, and after examination the institution recommended the following appropriations: Agricultural building, \$200,000; soil survey, \$15,-000; poultry barn, \$10,000; experi-ments, \$25,000; other departments, \$16,000. A new dairy barn and the under control of the experiment station were recommended

Two Years For a Killing. Neosho-Sherman Woodcock was onvicted of the murder of George oreland, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The killing of curred on a Sunday in January last. The two men had been drinking, be came quarrelsome, and in the that followed Woodcock, it was charged, stabbed Moreland, from which wound he afterwards died.

St. Louis-Gaetno Fafato, a pros perous Italian, has received a letter informing him that the only way to live is to carry "5.000 Scudi" in his pocket ready to hand over to the first of his countrymen to step up to hin and say: "Give me de scudi." He turned the letter over to the police and doesn't go out at night.

Shook Hand of Daughter's Slayer. Springfield-Garland Moore, who killed Clara West at Bois D'Arc, was warmly greeted in court by the moth er of the dead girl. Among those who crowded forward to shake his hand was the mother of the murdered

Two Men Asphyxlated. St. Joseph-James Smith, of To peka, and William Showley, of Kansas City, iron molders, were found dead at a room in their boarding house, having been asphyxlated by gas which escaped from a heater.

Folk Sues St. Louis. St. Louis-Gov. Joseph W. Folk has filed suit against the city of St. Louis to collect any salary that may be due him while he was circuit attorney Was Poor All His Life.

St. Louis-Alexander Dockery, s poor laborer, aged 45, died at Greenwood, a suburb, just before a legacy, left by an uncle in Texas, arrived. He would have been a rich man Death Came Suddenly.

Kansas City-Dr. August T. Fleischmann, for ten years secretary of the oard of pharmacy, died suddenly of heart disease in this city.

A Belle of Long Ago.

St. Louis-Mrs. Amelia Choutear Churchill, a member of one of the oldnot families to St. Louis, and in her younger days a famous belle and eauty, died at her home in Louisville

tion in bankruptcy in the United States district at St. Louis. His as sets are estimated at \$2,500 and his liabilities at \$5,000. Will Distribute Millions. St. Louis-The New Year's dividends and interest disbursements on

Into Voluntary Bankruptcy.
Morehouse—David Rosenthal, a dr.

exchange will be in excess of \$4,250, Was Prominent In Franklin. Union-F. W. Reinhard, ex-trens-urer of Franklin county, and a prominent citizen, died at his home in this city, aged 71 years.

securities listed on the St. Louis stock

Six Father Ryans. St. Louis-Six Father Ryans are now pastors of Catholic churches in this city. The sixth arrived the other day from Ireland.

Missionary Work. St. Louis.-St. John's Southern Methodist church has entered upon the task of supporting a college in Japan.

Determined to Have a License. Cape Girardeau.-In order to obtain marriage license for himself, Zachariah Quinn, 65, drove 20 miles on

Rolls.-Mrs. Louise M. Clough died nere, aged 64. Her husband, Judge Clough, died in Colorado 20 years ago, Former Missouri Congressman Dead. St. Joseph-Charles Freemont Cochran, who represented the Fourth district of Missouri in congress from 1896 to 1902, died here. Delmar Jockey Club Dissolved.

Jefferson City-Delmar Jockey club

of St. Louis is dissolved, the supreme court denying a rehearing and the cor poration losing its charter. A Foolish Girl.
-Miss Carrie Still, 20, com nitted suicide at Creighton when she learned that a Kansas City man had

What Trained Nurses Went. St. Louis-Trained nurses will ask the legislature to enact a law requir ing nurses t o register in order to Mrs. Minnie Grunewald,

St. Charles -- Mrs. Minnie Gruene wald, aged 56, died at her home in this city. She leaves five grown chil While She Slept.

St. Louis-While Mrz. F. E. Kauff-man, of \$318 Waterman avenue, slept, burglars entered her room and se give them to ships flying the Ameri-

A Toast For The New Year

Henry M. Hyde

TO THE True Pioneers of Progress—to the men with chair and extant, drill and shield, hoist and riveter-burrowing through mountains, spinning, spiderlike, across diszy chasma-world smaller and Man larger-A Happy New Year and Many of 'Emi

TO THE Gentleman Adventurers—to the men who tempt the vengeance of the upper air, dare the sunless dangers of deep seas, track to their secret lairs the wild heasts of disease and peatitionce—risking their own lives that the life of Man may be made safe—

A Happy New Year and Many of 'Emi

TO THE Poets and dreamers of the Present-to the men who narness the tides, bridle the west wind, put a yoke about the neck of the glaciers, drive the sun and moon tandem-making the forces of nature toil that Man may enjoy—
A Happy New Year and Many of 'Emi

TO THE Masters of the Future—to the men who know, to the men in earnest-rejoicing in their knowledge and their strength, looking with clear eyes, unafraid, into the face of fate-crowned the high happiness of work well don

A Happy New Year and Many of 'Em!

New Year Gleanings.

Interesting Bits Appropriate to the Day Gathered from Everywhere.

New Year's Is a Candy Day in France.

Boxes of Sweets Are Favorite Gift

with all Classes in Paris. Once is used to be very popular to give New Year's presents; but now so much more attention is paid to Christ mas, and every one receives so many lovely things then, that our American

boys and girls cannot complain if they do not get presents a week later, as did their mothers and fathers. However, if they lived in France New Year's day would be a great occasion, especially for girls, for there every man or boy gives some gift, no matter how small, to his friends. No one paying a call would think of going empty-handed, and little French girls at school on the 2d of January count

up how many presents they received, just as our girls do after Valentine's A favorite gift is candy. Sometimes this candy is made into temples, churches or playhouses; or all sorts of queer forms like bundles of carpets, boots and shoes, musical instruments, gridirons, saucepans, lobsters, crabs books and hats are made of colored sugar, hollowed out and filled inside with chocolates, mints and other bonbons that can be eaten

Don't you think the little French children must feel pretty sick the next day, after so much sweet stuff? For, of course, they would have to sample each kind; that is, if they are like American boys and girls in their fondness for candy.

New Year's Calls. Like Many Others of Our Customs, They Were Imported from China.

The Origin of

The custom of making New Year's calls, which had a long run in America, and is still extant, came originally from China, where such calls are one of the main features of the brilliant and lengthy New Year's cel- Passing Humor of ebration.

Every Chinaman pays a visit to each of his superiors, and receives one from each of his inferiors. Images of gods are carried in process sion to the beating of a deafening gong, and mandarins go by hundreds to the emperor and that apparently much-maligned sovereign, the press dowager, with congratulatory addresses. Their robes are gorgeou ly embroidered, and are heavy with goods merchant, filed a voluntary peti- gold. The younger people call upon

> Children call upon their parents. Pu pils pay their respects to their teachers. A light collation is offered every visitor, but it is to be noted, no wine is served. Tea takes the place of any stronger drink. In China gentlemen never call upon the ladies, but upon each other, and the women also make social visits among themselves. Nor is one obliged, happily, to make all his calls in one day, for all calls made before the 15th of the month are considered correct. These calling customs have obtained in China from earliest ages.

No Chan es Needed in the Brown Family.

Proposed Resolutions Brought Em phatic Objections from Both Sides of House.

"This is the new year," said Mrs. Brown, as she and Brown sat down to dinner, "and perhaps we ought to make some little changes for 1907." "I am willing," he replied. "Yes, I have been thinking that I would make a few changes." "That is nice of you. You know

that you swear and that I don't like it at all. It will be so sweet and was busy studying for her American kind and considerate to give it up for "Give up swearing! Not on your

"What, then, did you mean by change?" "Why, I have been allowing you five dollars per week as pin money, and I know that you simply fool most of it away. One of the changes contem- play to ask: plated was to cut the sum in half."

"Samuel Brown!" exclaimed the wife, as she knocked on her plate with her fork to emphasize her words, "don't make any mistake on your wife, May. You will continue lars pin money comes to me every this winter, but it is for poor chi laturday night, or there won't be any culr."

glass left in the front windows last over Sunday!" Not to Be Imposed Up

"Algernon is interesting," said the tock broker's daughter. "What does he talk about?" ired the father.

"He's ever so well posted in Shake earean quotations." "Young woman," said the financie Don't let him make sport of your orance. There isn't any such stoc on the market. I ought to know, for I've been on the exchange enough."—London Answers.

A June New Year's on the Nile Banks.

The Ancient Egyptiana Started the Year with the Raise of the River.

In all ages and all lands much im portance has been attached to New Year's day. In Egypt the new year fell between the 17th and the 20th of June, and was called the "night of the drop." The sacred Nile was thought to flow down from heaven, and at its lowest ebb-about the mid die of June-a tear from Isis fell into the stream and caused it Consequently at this season

priests and people kept a sleepless vigil at the river's shore, watching for the miraculous rise which should bring such riches to the whole land When the "night of the drop" came the priests cleared the altars of old ashes and lighted the sacred fires for the new year. Every one of the faithful carried a

coal from the altar to light the fire at his own hearth, and from end to end the land was ablaze with light. The people put off their old garments and arrayed themselves in white, an-cinting their heads with sacred oil, crowning themselves with flowers and bearing palms in their hands, while chants and songs and fasting and processions filled the homes.

the New Year.

Would You Blame Him?

Mina-Did your husband, at New Year's, swear off? Lena-Yes, off and on-whenever bill came in.—Town Topics.



Barred Out. "Yvette Guilbert," said a theatrical manager, "received me in Paris. She

"She told me a pretty story of I tiny American millionaire she had met the day before—a little millionaire of six or seven years.

tour, and for the George Moore play of

Eather Waters' that she is soon to pro-

"This youngster, calling on her with his mother, suddenly interrupted his "Mamma, am I rich?" "'Well,' his mother answered, am

ing and embarrassed, 'you're not poor, "Pshaw, he exclaimed, his face clouding over. That bars me out, to then. Nurse read to me this morning swear as hard as you wish, and as that the Salvation Army was going to often as you wish, and my five dol- distribute \$25,000 in toys and candy

Rabbits Seek Safety

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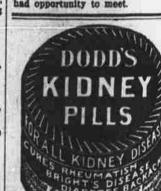
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